

# Allen County HamNews

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS “COMPETITION”

WHEN: FWRC March Meeting

WHERE: Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

WHAT: Bring out your personal solutions for being prepared!

### THREE CATEGORIES:

- RIGS: - Low and high power; easily taken into the “field”.
- ANTENNAS: - Portable and powerful skyhooks: easy to erect.
- EQUIPMENT AND POWER SOURCES: - Tuners; batteries; etc.

What do you have for the times when “All Else Fails”? Bring out the equipment that says “I’m ready” !! Use your imagination! Got a QRP rig? Solar power supply? Easy-up all band antenna system? A “station-in-a-box”? A gel-cell battery with charger? Wheelchair mobile? An HT, with a gain antenna and two day battery pack? Whatever you’ve got, bring it out and show it to the rest of the local Ham community. We don’t expect a big speech, just a few words on what it does and why. We’re looking for innovation and cleverness!

Prizes: For the top piece of gear in each category, a certificate will be awarded, along with the admiration and respect of your peers! Who wins: EVERYONE!

Let’s make this a fun event, with a serious purpose, to be ready for the rough weather that lies ahead.

Steve WB9ZIY

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**Deadline for April issue is Friday, 4/2/04.**  
**Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!**

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## President's Corner



I hope that everyone was able to attend the February combined meeting with ACARTS for the Skywarn training. There was a full meeting room at the New Haven Library and the National Weather Service had some interesting new material. Thanks to

the National Weather Service for their work training us, and thanks to ACARTS for hosting this year.

The March FWRC general meeting will be a friendly little competition for emergency setup ideas. The ideas can be for radios, antennas, power sources, or anything else you may have up your sleeve. It may be a QRP setup for HF work that is in a small box, or it could be a VHF setup for quick deployment. We want to see your ideas. I know there are some good setups out there, so make sure you bring them to the meeting. Finish up that portable antenna idea you have been thinking about. Bring in that battery with solar charger for remote power. This could be a good time to start thinking about something you have been thinking about putting together for Field Day as well. The general meeting will be Friday March 19th. And remember we are now starting at 7:00 PM.

Speaking of Field Day, the 2004 Field Day weekend is only about 16 weeks away. We are already starting our planning. Field Day is always a great time whether you are new to Amateur Radio or if you have been doing it for years. Our goal for this year will be the same as it has been for the last several years - to get as many people on the air as possible and for everyone to learn something while they have a good time. Any if we end up with a good score that is always fun too. If you haven't been to Field Day in a few years why not put it on your calendar right now. QRP night will be Friday June 25th and Field Day activities will be Saturday and Sunday June 26th and 27th.

We are again planning on a Chicken Bar-B-Q fundraiser this year. We will have a new date and location this year. The date is going to be Saturday August 28th and the location will be at the Wal-

Mart at Coldwater Crossing. The new location is sure to give us a lot more traffic than last year. We will be looking for volunteers to help so let someone on the board know when you are available.

If you are interested in code and/or theory classes, please let someone on the board know. We need to know how many people are interested and when they would be available for a class.

Don't forget we are still taking donations toward the repeater controller fund. We are hoping to collect \$400 in donations and take a matching \$400 from the FWRC savings for a new controller.

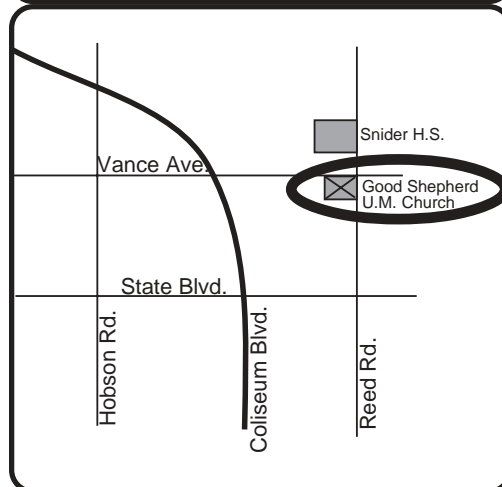
Don't forget the next General Meeting Friday March 19th at 7:00 PM at the church. With the January Auction and February Skywarn, this is the first chance we have had to get caught up with one another so see you there!

Tom / N9TB

## March Meeting:

Fri, Mar. 19, 2004, 7:00 PM,

**Program:** Emergency Preparedness Competition (See pg. 1)



### A New Special Service for FWRC Members

This year the treasurer of the FWRC is offering a new service for those members having an ARRL email address (such as: yourcall@arrl.net). An email will be sent confirming your paid membership, and emails will be sent informing you of club events. You can always opt-out of this new service at any time by informing the treasurer. To participate in the new email activity, just enter your ARRL email address in the email line of the 2004 membership renewal form.

The ARRL email address operates as a "reflector". This allows you to keep the ARRL email address indefinitely, as long as you remain a member of the ARRL. Any email sent to you at the ARRL email service (yourcall@arrl.net) is immediately resent to the email address you specify to the ARRL when you sign up for the service. This service allows you to have an ARRL email address which can be used with any internet service provider (ISP) you chose. You can then change ISP vendors without the loss of your ARRL email address. When you change your ISP (for a lower cost/better service/etc. at a new ISP), all you need to do is reregister with the ARRL email service and point your personal email reflector to your new ISP email address. There is no fee for this ARRL service to ARRL members. You must be an ARRL member to sign up for the email service.

Since the ARRL email service is only a reflector, you cannot originate email from the ARRL email system. It can only receive email sent to your ARRL email address. You must originate email from your current ISP email address. You can indicate in your email that you prefer reply emails at your ARRL email address. This service is particularly useful when you want your correspondent to have an email address that is functional no matter what ISP you are signed up with.

Most FWRC Board of Directors have an ARRL email address listed in the Allen County Ham News.

There has been some discussion at the ARRL about providing SPAM filtering at an added cost to email users, however the SPAM filtering issue is very complex and the commercial SPAM filtering programs are very expensive. Thus far there is no action on this additional service at the ARRL.

Bob, w8st

### The FWRC Repeater Fund Status

The FWRC Membership voted to match individual donations toward a new controller for the 146.94 repeater from the club general fund. The controller cost is expected to be about \$800, so the FWRC will match 100% of approximately \$400 of individual contributions toward the new controller.

Thus far, donations totalling \$78 were received in 2003, and the 2004 donations thus far are at \$100, for a present total of \$178. This is almost half way to the needed \$400 from individuals (club members or just users of the club repeaters).

The largest donation received thus far is \$50, and two donations have been that large. The smallest donation thus far is \$5, but everything helps.

The following individuals have donated:

Donation from Club Table at the Hamfest - Item sale  
Gengnagel  
Hall  
Moehring  
Nardin  
Wozniak

Bob Streeter W8ST, Treasurer

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### Charlie Willer Fund

Contributions in memory of Charlie Willer should go to:



The Elizabeth and Katrina Willer Education Fund  
in care of:

Mr. Bob Savage  
Lake City Bank  
10429 Illinois Road  
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

Bob Savage is a long time friend of Charlie Willer. If you care to drop your contribution off in person at the bank, it sounded like Bob would be glad to reminisce with you for a few minutes, based on my telephone conversation with Bob. The bank is located at the intersection of Indiana 14 and Scott Road on the west side of Fort Wayne.

W8ST - Bob Streeter

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## President's Message



Finally all the snow is gone, we hope. But, the weather now turns to the possibility of severe storms. And with that our meeting last month was our annual SkyWarn training.

We had a large turnout and it was standing room only. If you missed the meeting, and want to attend a SkyWarn session, go to the NWS web site where they have a list of training dates. The AC-ARTS web site has a link to the NWS. Read the spotter article in last month's newsletter for reporting information. You will know when the repeater is in a watch condition by the "WX" trailer at the end of a transmission. Allow some time before you pick up your conversation so any station with traffic can get in. Most of all practice safety when out in storms, and do not take any unnecessary chances.

The warm weather also means many of you will be doing antenna and tower work. You may be putting up that tower or new antenna that you bought at the Hamfest last year. Use the proper tools, and follow the recommended safety procedures.

We still are looking for a Secretary, and a Activities Manager. If you are interested, please let me know. In the absence of an Activities Manager, the board is trying to come up with program ideas but, we need your help. Let us know what you are interested in. This is your club too. If we know what you want to see or hear about, we can try to find someone to present it. If you have something you think may be of interest to us, volunteer to do a program. Mark your calendar for April 20th. That is the date of our Spring Banquet. I will have

more details in next month's newsletter, and on our web site as soon as plans are finalized.

Well, that's all for now. I have been busy for the past month. The place where I work is closing their Fort Wayne store, and I probably will be working extra hours as our part time staff goes down. Most of the full time people will be there to the end. It looks like the end of April or mid May.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV



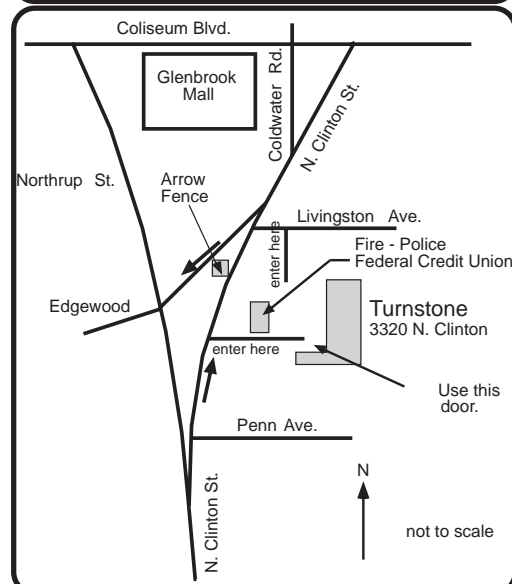
## Meeting Schedule

All meetings are at 7:30 PM at Turnstone unless otherwise noted.

**ACARTS General Meeting:** Mar. 16,  
**Program:** TBD (Listen to IMO Net)

**Next Board Meeting:** 4/13/04

All members are encouraged to attend.







## February 2004 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes

Feb 10, 2004 the meeting started at Turnstone with folding and stapling the Newsletter until 8:05 PM. Vic KA9LTV discussed the Skywarn Training move to the New Haven Library. We also discussed the possible move of the regular meetings to another location such as the Salvation Army. A question was asked about a memorial for Charlie Willer. Some discussion followed. Howard, N9ADS then made a motion to donate \$100.00 and Vic, WB9UZA seconded the motion. It was voted on and passed. It was also noted that there was some TV coverage about the Skywarn training. There was some discussion about refreshments not knowing if the library would allow them. Vic, KA9LTV will find out. Printing of the Newsletter may be moved to FastPrint. Vic, WB9UZA will check prices. Vic, KA9LTV is working on a program for the March meeting. There was some discussion about a signal that appears to be on the output frequency of the repeater that is in Spanish. Vic, KA9LTV adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Jim, KB9IH

## ATTENTION ALL ACARTS MEMBERS

It has been several years since we had done a firm inventory of all ACARTS' equipment. We need to keep an accurate list for insurance purposes. I need for any club member that has any of the club's items to please make a list of Model and Serial number if available and return the list to me. You can either email it to [n9nnt@comcast.net](mailto:n9nnt@comcast.net) or bring it to either the Board meeting or General meeting. If I am not there someone on the Board will collect it for me. Please try and get these lists for me ASAP. Thank you.

Doug Jones, N9NNT  
ACARTS Station Manager/Trustee

### ACARTS needs YOU!

**ACARTS is looking for people to fill 2 key positions:**

**Secretary**

**Activities Manager**

**Call any board member to apply.**

## NPR Feature Spotlights Addition Of @ Symbol To Morse Code



from *The ARRL Letter* – Some hams may have thought they'd left their transceivers turned on Tuesday, February 17. That's when the popular National Public Radio <<http://www.npr.org>> afternoon news magazine All Things Considered ran a piece about the pending addition of the @ symbol to the official international Morse code lexicon. That's because NPR introduced and closed the nearly four-minute segment with actual CW, catching the ear of many hams.

ARRL Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, conceived of the new character, necessary for transmitting e-mail addresses in CW, among other possible purposes. Assuming approval by International Telecommunication Union <<http://www.itu.int/home/index.html>> member-states, the new character—the first added to the code in many, many years—will be “AC” run together (.—.-.).

The new character, Rinaldo says, is both unique in the Morse world as well as a mnemonic (think of an ‘a’ wrapped in a ‘C’).

ATC co-host Robert Siegel interviewed ARRL Senior News Editor Rick Lindquist, N1RL, for some background on the change, giving Lindquist an opportunity to mention his passion for mobile CW operation. The short feature, “Morse Code Enters Cyber Age,” is available on the National Public Radio Web site,

<<http://www.npr.org/rundowns/segment.php?wfId=1680529>>.

and this followup:

\* Clarification: The story “NPR Feature Spotlights Addition of @ Symbol to Morse Code” in *The ARRL Letter*, Vol 23, No 08 (Feb 20, 2004), may have incorrectly implied that ARRL Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, originated the idea of adding the “@” symbol to the Morse code. Rinaldo did conceive of the new character—the letters A and C run together—but others had suggested years earlier the need to establish a Morse equivalent for the “@” symbol.

**FWDXA****Ft Wayne DX Association****Project Goodwill Albania 2003, Part 3 -  
Sightseeing and  
Playing on the Radio  
Carl Luetzelschwab  
K9LA**

We were very busy during most of the week - teaching the classes, making last minute revisions to the lesson plans each day, and meeting with the University faculty. But we did find time to do a bit of sightseeing and operating.

Since Vicky was missing one entire week of class (she's going full time to Saint Francis here in Ft Wayne to get her BS in Education), she worked it out with her professors to visit an elementary school in Tirana and tell about it when she got back. One of her professors (Professor Richard Avdul) is of Albanian descent, and he suggested visiting a school he was familiar with - he even knew the Director (the principal). Geni ZA1B gave us directions to the school, and Wednesday morning we set off on foot to find the school. Once there we asked to see the Director (Suzanne), and soon we were in her office. When Vicky mentioned Professor Avdul's name, Suzanne's eyes lit up and she had her English teacher come in to talk to us. They welcomed us with open arms, and we visited two classrooms to talk to the students in English. The students told us about their summer vacations. Their English was excellent. Suzanne invited us for dinner Thursday evening, so we made plans for that.

Earlier on Wednesday, Geni asked if Vicky and I would be interested in seeing the opera La Traviata. We said 'yes', and he arranged this for Wednesday evening through the Director of Music at the Opera House. Although we didn't understand any of the dialogue (it was in Italian - but from my limited experience with opera, being in English wouldn't have helped anyway), we enjoyed the orchestra and the choreography. This was one of those events where you just wonder in awe at what's going on - here we were in Tirana, Albania watching an Italian opera - and I'm sure we were the only Americans in the audience.

Thursday morning Sonila took Vicky to another elementary school. They had to take a taxi to this one. Vicky had a wonderful time visiting those students, too.

Our dinner with Suzanne Thursday evening was delightful. We met at the school at 6:30PM, and walked to a very nice restaurant. Accompanying Suzanne was Elvana (the English teacher), Suzanne's 18-year old daughter Lorena, and Suzanne's 14-year old nephew Miguel. Lorena and Miguel spoke English quite well, so we had some fun with them. Lorena and Miguel walked with us back to the hotel, pointing out historical landmarks on the way.

On Friday before class, we met with the Second Secretary of the Public Affairs Section of the US Embassy for lunch at one of the many sidewalk restaurants in

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Dinner with the Ali Demi school faculty and their family. From l to r:  
Elvana, Suzanne, Miguel, Vicky, Carl, and Lorena.

## BPL Proposal Enters Second Phase

from *Central Division News & Views*, Issue #8 - March, 2004

### FCC Posts NPRM On BPL

After reading the FCC's Notice Of Inquiry on Carrier Current Systems including Broadband over Power Lines (ET Docket 03-104) filed last April, I was convinced the Commission was going to approve rules governing the operation of what is now referred to as BPL. What I did not expect was the commissioners' almost total disregard of hundreds of well-reasoned scientific and economic arguments against their proposal and their rush to put these rules into place. This NOI drew over 5000 comment filings. The FCC could not even wait for the National Telecommunications & Information Administration's (NTIA) study of potential interference problems, which should be completed within the next month or so, before it issued its Notice of Proposed Rule Making on Carrier Current Systems including Broadband over Power Lines (ET Docket 03-104) and Amendment of Part 15 regarding new requirements and measurement guidelines for Access Broadband over Power Line Systems (ET Docket 04-37) on February 23, 2004. Thus ends what can be called Phase One of the struggle to keep a usable HF spectrum for licensed users.

Phase Two of this struggle is, of course, the Comment and Reply Comment filing periods for this NPRM. This time period is 45 days from the date the NPRM is published in the Federal Register for comments, and 75 days for reply comments. At the time of writing this newsletter, this NPRM had not yet been published in the register. However, comments may now be filed and the filing format and procedures are exactly the same as it was for last year's NOI on this proposal.

Space does not permit presenting detailed, documented, reasons supporting the prohibition of BPL. There is lots of this material on the ARRL web site at: <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/html/plc/>

However, the major reasons for prohibiting BPL are:

1. BPL will interfere with most licensed users of the affected RF spectrum. How much and where depends on several variables, but there will be interference.
2. BPL will interfere with itself. Different RF signals propagating on parallel unshielded power lines will cross modulate each other and disrupt data integrity.

3. Licensed users of the affected RF spectrum will interfere with BPL signals. Unshielded power lines receive as well as transmit RF signals.

4. BPL will not be cheaper than other high-speed broadband transmission systems. BPL RF signals must be re-injected onto the power line about every 7000 ft. in order to compensate for attenuation. This will require constructing a coaxial cable distribution system very similar to a cable TV network. Therefore, there is no cost advantage and BPL will not be offered in rural areas at below market rates.

5. The RF interference BPL will generate will make it difficult, if not impossible in many areas, for government agencies (police, fire, emergency services, etc.), the military, and the Broadcast and Amateur Radio Services to provide vital services. Homeland Defense will be crippled, not improved as claimed in the FCC's NPRM.

Don't expect the FCC to have a change of heart about Broadband over Power Lines at this stage of the process. However, your comments on the commission's NPRM are needed to document growing concern and opposition. Your comments will help prepare the ground for the third phase of this struggle: a campaign to get our federal representatives to overrule the FCC. Congress has recently overruled the FCC on a different issue and it's possible it will do so again when all the problems and short-comings are documented and tens of thousands of voters ask their federal representatives to stop BPL.

You can read and download the FCC's NPRM on BPL in Microsoft Word format at:  
[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-29A1.doc](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-29A1.doc)

You can read and download the FCC's NPRM on BPL in Adobe Acrobat (PDF) format at:  
[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-29A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-29A1.pdf)

You can file detailed Comments via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) at:  
<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>

And can file brief Comments on the ECFS Express page at:  
<http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/ecfs/Upload/>

Phase Three will require a massive Grass Roots Initiative (GRI) to get tens of thousands of hams and others who support and value the Amateur Radio Service to





### New Amateur Radio Bill Cosponsors "An Optimistic Sign," Haynie Says

From *The ARRL Letter* – ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, says he's encouraged to see additional members of the US House of Representatives agreeing to cosponsor The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003, HR 713, and the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act of 2003, HR 1478—also known as "the CC&R bill." In Washington this week with an ARRL delegation, Haynie called it "an optimistic sign" for Amateur Radio that League members are continuing to urge their lawmakers to sign aboard the two pieces of legislation, which are ARRL initiatives.

"House members have proven to be very responsive to entreaties from the amateur community to get behind these bills," an elated Haynie said this week. "The campaign continues to pay off in terms of additional cosponsors for our bills." As of this week, 84 House members have gone on record as HR 713 cosponsors. An identical companion bill in the US Senate, S 537, has attracted eight cosponsors.

Among recent House cosponsors of HR 713 are representatives Chris Bell (R-TX), Candice S. Miller (R-MI), Jim Turner (D-TX), Jay Inslee, (D-WA), Ray LaHood (R-IL), Stevan Pearce, (R-NM) and Baron Hill, (D-IN).

Sponsored in the House by Rep Michael Bilirakis (R-FL) and in the Senate by Sen Michael Crapo (R-ID), the bill would require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" to Amateur Radio if the FCC reallocates primary amateur frequencies, reduces any secondary amateur allocations, or makes additional allocations within such bands that would substantially reduce their utility to amateurs. HR 713 has been referred to the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet. The Senate version, S 537, has been referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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contact their federal representatives. You can, of course, do this anytime. But I believe it would be far more effective if this GRI is coordinated as to what is to be said, how its to be said, and when it is to be said. ARRL staff and officers are already working on an information package that can be used as guidance in this effort. I expect this package will be available within the next thirty days or so.

In the meantime, get your Comments on the FCC's NPRM filed as soon as you can... and also get your ham friends and local government agencies who use amateur radio operators in their operations to file comments.

Read the full Central Division newsletter at <<http://www.central.arrl.org/newsletters.html>>.

73 - George R. (Dick) Isely, W9GIG  
Central Division Director

### Project Goodwill, Continued from page 6

Tirana. It was very interesting to hear of his adventures in the Foreign Service. And the pizza was good, too!

After class on Friday, Vicky and I finally were able to operate. The station at the hotel (an FT-897 plus a Force-12 C3 on the hotel roof) was licensed as ZA/K9LA for the week we were there. Vicky was obligated to use that call when she operated. We caught a brief 10m opening to the East Coast, and then moved to 15m to work many more North Americans.

Next Month: Saying Our Goodbyes and a Whirlwind Tour of Rome

## Alternate SKYWARN Training Locations

If you were unable to attend the training session February 17th at Turnstone, here are some other dates and locations (if known). This information is from the National Weather Service website:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>City or County</u>
Mar 15	7:00 PM	Kendallville Public Library	Noble County
Mar 24	6:30 PM	St Rita's Medical Center	Allen County, OH
Mar 29	7:00 PM	Paulding County Fairgrounds	Paulding County



## Spectrum Protection Act - Continued from page 8

Meanwhile, the cosponsor count on the CC&R bill, HR 1478, rose to 32 this week with the addition of Rep Jim DeMint (R-SC), who was approached by ARRL South Carolina Section Manager Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, to consider cosponsoring both HR 1478 and HR 713. Introduced by Rep Steve Israel (D-NY), the CC&R bill would require private land-use regulators such as homeowners' associations to "reasonably accommodate" Amateur Radio antennas consistent with the PRB-1 limited federal preemption.

Recent HR 1478 cosponsors also include representatives Donald Manzullo (R-IL) and Anibal Acevedo-Vila (D-PR). HR 1478 also has been referred to the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet.

Although buoyed by the bills' recent cosponsorship progress, Haynie is continuing to encourage ARRL members to send cards and letters to their House of Representatives member urging them to cosponsor HR 713 and HR 1478, and to their state's two US senators to cosponsor S 537.

"There's a long way to go, and that's what it's going to take," Haynie said. "Cards and letters from individual voters do make a difference."

Meanwhile, Louisiana Republican Billy Tauzin's announcement that he'll step down as chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and not run for re-election has set off a political sideshow. On February 6, nearly every committee member urged House Speaker Dennis Hastert to appoint Rep Joe Barton (R-TX) to replace Tauzin as chairman. Barton also serves on the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet,

but he has not yet signed on as a cosponsor of either HR 713 or HR 1478.

Additional information—including the bills' texts, sample letters and information on how to write members of Congress—is on the ARRL "The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2003" Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/arspa.html>> and on the "HR 1478, The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act of 2003" Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr1478/>>.

Those writing their lawmakers on behalf of the Spectrum Protection Act are asked to copy their correspondence to the League via e-mail <[specbill03@arrl.org](mailto:specbill03@arrl.org)>. Those writing their House member on behalf of the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Consistency Act, HR 1478, are asked to copy their correspondence to <[ccr-bill@arrl.org](mailto:ccr-bill@arrl.org)>.

**"Cards and letters from individual voters do make a difference."**

## VE Exams Results For Feb. 7

The Fort Wayne W5YI VE Team held an exam session Saturday, February 7 and would like to congratulate the following:

New Technician licensees: Brian Hibiger  
Eugene Kennedy  
Eric Hitchcock  
Upgrades to General Class: Steve Carbaugh, KB9AYS  
Brian Thornhill, KC9EEC  
Upgrades to Extra Class: Ronald Hall, KC9CHC  
Jonathan Wilcox, KB9UTO

This was one of the very few test sessions where all applicants were successful in achieving their goals. Again congratulations and here is hoping that you all enjoy your new privileges.

Bill Hall, WD9HII

## Regional Hamfests

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Phone</u>	<u>URL or E-mail</u>
13 Mar 2004	Terre Haute, IN	217-826-1111	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/k9dur/tailgate.htm">http://www.qsl.net/k9dur/tailgate.htm</a>
20 Mar 2004	Marshall, MI	269-964-3197	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/w8df">http://www.qsl.net/w8df</a>
21 Mar 2004	Maumee, OH	419-385-5624	<a href="http://www.tmrhamradio.org">http://www.tmrhamradio.org</a>
28 Mar 2004	Grayslake, IL	847-291-4160	<a href="http://www.ns9rc.org">http://www.ns9rc.org</a>
28 Mar 2004	Madison, OH	440-951-0283	<a href="http://www.lcara.org">http://www.lcara.org</a>
17 Apr 2004	Highland, MI	810-632-5174	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk">http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk</a>
18 Apr 2004	Cuyahoga Falls, OH	330-688-2013	<a href="http://www.cfarc.org">http://www.cfarc.org</a>
2 May 2004	Sandwich, IL	815-754-2558	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/wa9cjin">http://www.qsl.net/wa9cjin</a>
14-16 May 2004	Dayton, OH	937-276-6930	<a href="http://www.hamvention.org/">http://www.hamvention.org/</a>

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm> or <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>



## For Sale & Wanted

For Sale from FWRC:

- Hy-Gain TH-4 tribander. Decent condition, on ground, needs new clamps.
- Cushcraft 5 element 6-meter beam. Cut for 50.110 MHz. Very good condition, on ground.

STEVE NARDIN, WB9ZIY, 260-483-4039 FORT WAYNE

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For Sale:

- PC Software: Photoshop Elements version 1.0 - \$15
  - PC book: Office 2000 simplified (good beginning book with color diagrams for each function) - \$7
  - PC book: FrontPage 2000 Bible with CD - \$12
- Contact: Don Gagnon, WB8HQS at dongagnon@comcast.net

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Free: Rohn 40 ft. tower, a TA-33 with all the cables and an Isopole 2 meter vertical. It is about 7 ft. tall with about 3 to 5 db gain omnidirectional. All these items I will give to any ambitious Ham who will help me take this all down. I am 76 years old and have been a Ham for 51 years and will be moving from Fort Wayne to Florida this spring/summer.

For Sale: Ham III rotator in excellent condition, \$75

Contact Bill Gibbons, W9KBV, 489-4193, Cell is 602-4264, w9kbv@msn.com

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For Sale: 40 ft. galvanized antenna tower. Make offer.  
Contact: Bob, rmreed@access4less.net

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For Sale:

- 1 - 48 ft Rohn tower, free standing
- 1 - Ham IV rotor and control
- 1 - Sommer DJ2UT multiband antenna ( 10-40 meter)
- 1 - Alpha Delta twin sloper antenna (40-80 meter) (new - never used)
- 1 - Cushcraft 2 meter beam antenna
- 1 - 60-75 ft rotor control cable
- 3 - 60-75 ft coax cable (RG-8)

Tower and antennas are still assembled and standing. Buyer would have to disassemble.

The above items to be sold as a complete package.

Contact Lloyd Dawson <wolfshadow10@comcast.net>, 417 Millside Ct., Ossian, IN 46777, 260-622-7830 (A local call from Ft Wayne)

## Test Points

27-Mar-2004

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: WALTER C VOGEL  
(419)394-2976

Email: AWVOGEL@BRIGHT.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA OFFICE

1220 LINCOLN HWY

VAN WERT, OH 45891



08-Apr-2004

Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: LYLE L LONG

(574)875-8455

Email: N1LL@JUNO.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER

HOMAN BUILDING

GREENCROFT BLVD

GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CTR

GOSHEN, IN 46525

01-May-2004

Sponsor: FORT WAYNE VE TEAM

Time: 10:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: WILLIAM C HALL

(260)485-3995

Email: WD9HII@ARRL.NET

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

596 DUPONT RD

DUPONT BRANCH

FORT WAYNE, IN 46825

22-May-2004

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: ROBERT E HIGH

(419)795-5763

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA BLDG

1220 LINCOLN HWY

VAN WERT, OH 45891

## ECHO LINK Info

ECHO LINK NODE:

maintained by: KB9RLW

Simplex Frequency: 145.700 FM only

Node number: 16686

Random connection: dial "00"

Hang up or disconnect: dial "#"

Identify: dial "\*"

## Membership Application for ☐ FWRC - and/or - ☐ ACARTS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License class: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ -<sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted? ☐ Yes

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member? ☐ Yes

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$6.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered? ☐ by snail mail ☐ download from web site.

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership ☐ \$15.00 / year  
 Family membership <sup>1</sup> ☐ \$21.00 / year  
 Student membership <sup>2</sup> ☐ \$6.00 / year  
 Associate membership <sup>3</sup> ☐ \$15.00 / year  
 Mailed newsletter ☐ \$6.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

### A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

Regular membership ☐ \$12.00 / year  
 Additional family members <sup>1</sup> ☐ \$6.00 / year  
 Student membership <sup>2</sup> ☐ \$6.00 / year  
 Associate membership <sup>3</sup> ☐ \$6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.

2. K-12 or full time student

3. unlicensed member

4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

Please attach a check (number \_\_\_\_\_) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

Fort Wayne Radio Club  
 PO Box 15127  
 Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.  
 PO Box 10342  
 Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club. **Payment by check is strongly encouraged!**

### **ACARTS Voice Repeaters**

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority  
 147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority\*  
 443.800 (+) General use

(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

### **ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)**

144.390 (s) APRS - wide

### **Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters**

Voice: 146.76 (-) General use  
 146.94 (-) General use with autopatch  
 146.91 (-) Autopatch only  
 444.875 (+) General use  
 ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

### **Area Traffic Nets**

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

**IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88

**Auburn:** meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 6 p.m. (2300 UTC) on 147.36(+)

**21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

**Helping Hands Net:** Mondays @ 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

### **Miscellaneous Nets**

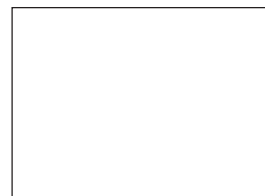
**Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

**Whitley Co. / ARES:** Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

**Six Meter AM net (informal):** Every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on 50.580 MHz .

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### Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
3/16/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Turnstone Center
3/19/04	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
4/2/04		deadline for April ACHN items	
4/4/04	1:30 PM	foxhunt	offtrack betting lot, Wash. Ctr. & SR 3
4/6/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
4/13/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Turnstone Center
4/16/04	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
4/20/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Turnstone Center
5/3/04	6:30 PM	foxhunt	offtrack betting lot, Wash. Ctr. & SR 3
5/7/04		deadline for May ACHN items	
5/11/04	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
5/11/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Turnstone Center
5/18/04	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Turnstone Center
5/21/04	6:30 PM	FWRC Spring Banquet	GSUMC